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COUNTY COMMISSIONER AGRICULTURE.

Mecklenburg has taken another foring interests of the county throughout the year.

Since Secretary Wilson assumed the portfolio, the United States depart- for their labor. ment of agriculture has been worth to the people of the nation a great times what it costs. The first year's department and the county, both having put up enough money to'secure the services of a demonstrator

We expect to have a good deal more to say about this work in the county as the returns come in. As full report as possible of the year's experimenting, the record of the suc cesses and the failures, the knowledge gained for future years, the impression that the work has made upon the people, will be found in the columns of this paper from time to time, and vince the county commissioners and

President Henry Wallace of the conservation congress said in his admers of the present day have more faith in moon signs than in agricultural colleges and experiment stations, more faith in ordinary politicians than in college professors and scientists, more faith in yellow journals than in the best agricultural

That is true and will be for many others who are managing to shed the cramping shell of hostility to experiment. The day of "moon farming" is as surely passing as the day of the "ordinary politician" as we now understand him. Both are headed for Dodoland.

The furmer man is just an average man-more intelligent in some ways. than the average man in other pursuits, less so in other ways. The American farmer is conservative, not because he is a farmer, but because he is an American. He clings to traditional methods just so long as he believes them the best, no longer. Let his neighbor across the road try some new method, and he at once becomes interested, although he probably does not say so. There are some wooden-headed farmers in this county, just as there are everywhere, and in every line of business, but there are a great many more who are alert and intelligent. All such appreciate the value of the demonstration work, and are willing to join in it.

THE HEALTH OFFICER.

kind" are described from time to time in the Bulletin of the State board of health. The object is to set forth the type of men that should be selected, and that the influence of readers may be secured "for your town and your dy in securing one of the elect."

Here are two of them:

were several nearby surface closets on neighboring lots there was no typhold fever in the surrounding blocks. All the children had fallen sick about the same time, which indicated a common origin. The home was supplied with city water, the monthly analysis of which showed it to be pure. It at last developed that the children had bought ice cream from an ltinerant vender who sold cream on that street regularly. His place of business was investigated. It was found that he obtained his milk from an exception-ally sanitary dairy. The water used in washing the vessels was obtained from a well. A sample of water from Twelve Months 4.00 this well was taken and sent to the State laboratory of hygiene for anal-REFERENCE SERVICE ysis. It was found grossly polluted. These authentic circumstances leave practically no doubt as to the origin of these three cases of typhoid fever,

ne of which terminated fatally. While for some, alas! there is nothng but tragedy connected with that NERENCE SERVICE STREET, Well, there is for many a lifesaving on to be drawn from its fatal Any matter offered for publication depths. It will poison no more. It would have poisoned no telling how many had not a doctor recognized the notice or appealing for support of any sphere of his larger responsibilities. and, through the agency of a health officer, traced the poison to its source and sealed it. Down in Montgomery county Dr

harles Daligny is health officer. For some time we have noted, with gratileation, unmistakable evidence of that officer's appreciation of his responsibilities as the guardian of his couny's chief asset. Nearly every week here appears an educational article on public health in his county paper. the Montgomerian. He is not paid to do this work. He was not fold to do He thought of it. It is an evidence of initiative, leadership, that omes from a man's having his heart zell do now. in his work. His meager salary of \$8,33 a month does not cover the fathers served their country in 1773, will be checked out by Him who re-wards the good and faithful servants for their labor.

department of agriculture is worth to sciousness of duty well done. There disruption. the people of North Carolina many are not enough of them-physicians, like other men, feel it their duty to accumulate money during their acmore than It has cost the national educated. There has been a great deal of sacrifice, a great deal of ploneer work in the public health service, in this State. The men who have done it have paved the way, have demonstrated to the people what from both the leading parties, both ought to be done. The laborer is of which paid it the tribute of sycoworthy of his hire.

THE UNREST OF EUROPE.

European militarism may yet get enough rope to hang itself. The announced intention of the Italian government to establish a protectorate over Tripoli at the cost of war with a subscription to this grand old gift Turkey, if not peaceably, has so book de luxe-but let that pass. It areused the advanced socialists in is our hope that the records will con- the Latin peninsula that 112,000 reservists have been called out to check the people that the county ought to threatened internal disorders or be it, if he has no government license many do not see this, but there are have a capable man on the job the used against a foreign foe at need. and makes outh that he is not keep- many who do not have conception of ment evidently dreads such scenes as resulted in Spain from the Riff war, but is determined notwithstanding to persist in its plans and

There prevails throughout Europe which has not been seen since 1848, in his possession that same liquor? and it is mainly traceable to the war southern peninsulas and in France eternal vigilance. and Germany, but Great Britain has not escaped, and disturbing influences have been felt in minor countries.

Spain has not yet done with the draft riots for the African war in at its value. This is no mean city; 1909. The situation there last week was grave and only by the drastic act of suspending constitutional guarantees was was the premier able to prevent the fires of discontent from uphaving the thin crust, But the Madrid government merely cheeked having filed a caveat on "character" the manifestations of disorder without the Spartanburg Journal might find in

removing the cause. the oppisition of the German people soul. to their government's militarism, but a deep unrest pervades the country by the Rhine and socialism is steadily strengthening.

Vienna has just been convulsed with food riots so serious as to necessitate the proclamation of martial law for the first time in 60 years and the high cost of living has resulted in the high cost of living has resulted in disquieting demonstrations in Paris.

Reing of the southland, knowing well our habits of theorizing over instead of working at matters we prospect of some months conadjusted in England, and now the rallways of Ireland are facing wide-

This ominous rumbling, continent wide, as of a distant storm, broken gain and again, by a sharper crash, is some outstanding wrong draws the ightning, is enough to fill with foreoling for sighted guardians of estabhed order in the old world.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF SEIZED

Political Party Disruptions

(BY SAVOYARD.)
Washington, Sept. 25.—That President Taft's Hamilton speech has hopelessly disrupted the republican Butler lodged on his way back into party there is no longer room for the democratic party doubt, and that the breach will widen But the "rag-mone

tory affords numerous examples.

and by 1832 we had the political sepformer and Andrew Jackson the lead- cans the original er of the latter. The whigs were for making a full legal tender of a the bank, the tariff, internal improvements and the parceling of the proceels of the sales of public lands

among the states. The democrats op-

posed all these and were victorious. A ithle later both parties were dicided on the annexation of Texas and the extension of African slavery, Alexander H. Stephens and Abraham Lincoln, Robert Toombs and William publicans a long lease of power, which H. Seward, Henry, A. Wise, who hang-ed John Brown, Thaddeus Stephens, who idealized John Brown all belonged to the same party, just as Taft and and forced it on a LaFollette do now. Jefferson Davis can administration. all belonged to the same party, just nothing in opera as Albert B. Cummins and John Dal- proaches it.

But there were disruptions. Antislavery whigs and anti-slavery demowork he is doing for his county. He crats joined together and made a new serves his country for the same rea-son, for the same pay, that our joined the democratic party, which out of debt, either by payment or pro-But the democrats split at Charleston vice he carries in his breast, not in 1860. The southern democrats in-The health officer who sisted on obedience to the law of contoday is measuring up to his official gress which the Supreme court declarcommissioner of agriculture, who will responsibility, draws but a small part give his advisory services to the farmof it is entered in the credit column law. The northern democrats, under of the book of Final Accounts, and the leadership of Mr. Douglas, trim-

In 1872 there was a serious schism The people, however, must not de-pend upon these enthusiastic men sumner. Trumbull, Adams, Schurz led 1997 the G. Q. P. would not have deal more than it has cost. Our State who seek only the reward of a con- a rebellion that promised a hopeless They nominated a ticket at Cincinnati that was endorsed by the democra's at Baltimore, and it is absolutely certain that Greeley and ducted in Buncombe by Demonstrator tive years, and most of them have the democrats had supported them as it is not yet over, and it was laid on Weaver has been worth a great deal families to support, children to be loyally as they had Seymour and the tariff. Hence they went to tinkersupport Tilden and Hendricks four

economic lines. There was a Green-back party composed of dissenters phaney in party platform and in con-gressional legislation. Had Thad Stevens lived and retained his physical strength there is nothing more ertain than that he would have been

the court. Liquor is property and up." Thus while we are speculating nothing is more repugnant to the law here about the value of the movement. than confiscation. Anyone presenting it is doing just what was expectedacceptable proofs of ownership can where millions are nunting homes and ownership, what will be the legal status of the liquor after he receives matter of human interest. crush the malcontents with an iron his possession, and suppose further that no new sale could be proved and the owner swore there had been none,

expenditures of the various powers ters to the lawyer, but they afford which have cruelly loaded the poor field for speculation to the layman. with tax burdens, and to enforced it has seemed that in the search and military service which draws so many seizure law the real means of applyof the able-bodied men from indus- ing prohibition was obtained, but it trial pursults to serve under battle is apparent that, even with this powflags for a pittance. These disorders erful machinery, prohibition is to be have been most noticeable in the had only, like liberty, at the price of

The taxation value of all property in Asheville is close to twelve million dollars. Little of it, it is safe to pay, either real or personal, is toxed a hand hand hand hand hand side a part of the time in Asheville, from time to time, whose individual possessions are as great as the whole

The Raleigh News and Observer the word "class" a descriptive term No turbulence this fall has marked measurably satisfactory to its eager

The "Back Home" Movement.

Editor of The Gazette-News: "What has become of the "back home" movement? It was one of the best things ever undertaken, but lack have held it up." says the Montgom

stead of working at matters we pro-pose. I have for some months con-tented myself in spreading the "back home" call throughout the west, in stirring up all the argument I could. And verily there is a pretty rammer-ing and yowling out there. Southern-ers everywhere in the west are "whooping it up" for the country back home." They are making a world of morrisont in jibing at immigration men of the western railroads and "land wherks," but more than and "land wherks," but more than

doubt, and that the breach will widen may confidently be expected. The situation makes more or less oppor-dads," and on that issue, too, both the ue, too, both the tune a glance at former ruptures in old parties were hypocrites. In 1896 political alignments of which our hisory affords numerous examples.

In 1824 there were four tickets cratic administration at Washington. voted for at the presidential election It was the merest accident. Had Ben all claiming to hold the doctrines of Harrison been president instead of Thomas Jefferson, but the seeds of Grover Cleveland the attitudes of the dissontion were sown in fruitful soil, two parties in 1896 toward silver would have been exactly reversed aration of the people into whigs and The democrats were the traditional democrats, Henry Clay the head of the sound money party and the republiless piece of paper with the "stamp of the government" on it.

Silver disrupted both. 1896, but owing to the financial panis and industrial depression, which would have come with even greater disaster had Harrison been president, the democrats embraced the heresy in form, and only a section of the G. O. P. revolted. Then 1896 gave the redoubtless would have been greatly curtailed had not the democrats in sisted on the war with poor old Spair and Stephen O. Douglas, John C. ever perpetrated by a political party. Breckenridge and Caleb Cushing, Wil- that of the democrats forcing war llam L. Yancey and Oliver P. Morton with Spain was the chiefest. There is bouffe that ap-

> The Mckinley and Roosevelt admin istrations were successful simply and not solely because by 1897 the counours, given a universal liquidation and prosperity cannot help but come. Eve rybody goes to work to make a living. Work makes wage, wage makes demand, and prosperity comes with a rush and with both hands full, would have been even greater if free trade had come with its twin brother, the gold standard, and it would have lasted longer.

But by 1907 everybody was again in debt, and there was the inevitable panic. Had there been no panic in LaFollette, Cummins, company would have been as mute on the tariff question as a widow whose husband has been hanged on the sub-Brown would have been elected if ject of a rope. But the panic came,

The country is not satisfied, and it After the south was "reconstructed" intends to have a downward tinkering the electorate began to divide on with the tariff. Mr. Taft has thrown himself athwart that demand and Mr. Taff will go to the wall, in any event, even should be bout face next December and become as devout for genuine tariff reform as herwas for reciprocity, for he would thus chill and repel the standpatters. A large majority of the people agree with Champ Clark's reply to the Hamilton speech.

working out its objects in territory claim seized liquor. If another per- checking the western movement of son than the supposed owner proves poeple from the south. The "back home" call is the personal note which ng it for sale? On the other hand, what interests and influences great suppose liquor is returned to the sup-fully understood in the west and posed owner, from whom it was seized among those concerned in keeping and who was tried for having it in up the flow of people there it is amazing that so unusual and effective a movement is lacking in support here in the south. One man in Seattle said, "It's a capital advertising scheme all now a spirit of unrest the like of could he be tried again for having right, but the hookworn boys in the south are too slow to make much out of it." Another said, "The south needs a lot of western ginger bnd enough and I suppose we can afford to lose some of our boys for the general good of the nation. If they want to go 'back home,' as you call it." WIGHTMAN D. ROBERTS. Founder of the "Back Home" move

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PRESS COMMENT.

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Let's spurn the Canadian dime and e revenged.—Chattanooga Times.

TO SPITE HER FACE Miss Canada has a perfect right to apply her pearly teath to her Grecian nose in an endeavor to spite hen beau-tiful face.—Chattanooga Times.

SOME HUGGER A Baltimore maiden is suing a gro-cer for \$10,000 for hugging her. He must be a hugger from Huggerville to do \$10,000 worth at a single clinch

ton Post.

PROVIDED. Mr. Bryan's religion is summed up in the words. "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself," provided of course that the neighbor believes in government own-erable and the initiative, referendum and recall; otherwise, swat him.—

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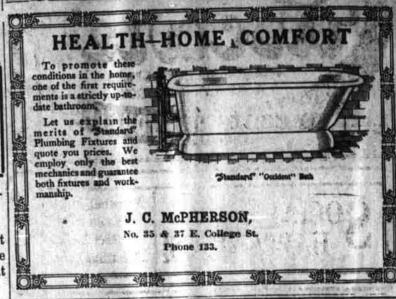
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